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Ex-Gov. Fishback Talks Through a Popular Publication About Our Mineral Wealth.

### EVENTS OF A WEEK BRIEFLY CHRONICLED

Father Arrested for Brutally Beating His Wounded Boy—Mississippi County State Murders His Wife in Cold Blood—Seven People Drowned by a Skiff Capsizing.

#### Crops and Weather.

The crop report issued by the Little Rock weather bureau for the week ending August 29th shows that during the week the weather continued hot and dry, although showers occurred in some localities on the 25th and 27th. At Little Rock and Malvern there was a very heavy rain and thunderstorm on the 25th and Newport on the 27th. All crops have been seriously injured by the continued drouth, especially in the southwestern section. In most sections cotton continues to shed and is opening prematurely. Picking has commenced in most sections, but, on account of the extreme heat, is not general. Late corn will be almost an entire failure in some sections, while in others it would be saved by rain in the near future. Second crop of potatoes almost a total failure, on account of the continued drouth, which has caused the seed to rot in the ground. Apple crop reported short in all sections; in some localities they continue to rot and dry on the trees.

The mean temperature and total rainfall for the week at reporting stations are given in the following table:

Stations.	Mean Temperature.	Total Rainfall.
Brinkley.....	82	.70
Forrest City.....	83	.7
Fort Smith.....	86	.06
Holmes.....	82	1.3
Little Rock.....	82	1.5
Malvern.....	84	3.13
Newport.....	81	1.27
Pine Bluff.....	84	.31
Prescott.....	88	.30
Russellville.....	87	.62
Texarkana.....	87	.53
Warren.....	85	.16

#### Cruelly Beat His Son.

A special dispatch from Fayetteville says: "Jim Whitten, a groceryman, was arrested for cruelly beating his 13-year-old boy. Whitten sent the lad on an errand, and because he did not return as soon as the parent thought he should, he was beat and kicked unmercifully. As soon as possible the boy made his escape and for 24 hours remained in an old shed without food or water. When the facts became known a warrant was sworn out for Whitten. An officer served the warrant on him, and he asked to be allowed a private talk with his wife, which was granted. He took advantage of the opportunity and gave the officer the slip. The injured child is a cripple, and neighbors say it was the result of the father's abuse."

#### Cold Blooded Murder.

Walter French, colored, murdered his wife near Osceola, Mississippi county, displaying all the brutal instincts of a heartless wretch in the manner in which he committed the crime. French went to the house where his wife was staying at night, made her get up, put on her clothes and accompany him into the woods, telling her he was going to kill her. The woman pleaded in vain with the fiend to spare her. Shortly after the couple left the house the other occupants heard a pistol shot, and the next day the woman was found dead, shot through the head. French was captured and placed in jail at Osceola.

#### Ex-Congressman Cate Dead.

Hon. W. H. Cate, of Jonesboro, died at St. Vincent's hospital, Toledo, O., August 22d, of cancer. W. H. Cate was a native of Tennessee. He fought four years in the Confederate army, and at the close of the war settled at Jonesboro. He served four years as judge of the Second judicial circuit, from 1894 to 1898, and in 1890 was elected to congress from the First district, serving one term.

#### Appointments Announced.

The following appointments have been announced for the new volunteer regiments: From Arkansas—To be captain, Chas. M. Wing, major Second Arkansas; first lieutenant, Lion Turley, late first lieutenant Second Arkansas; second lieutenant, W. C. Hudson, late second lieutenant First Arkansas; second lieutenant, John M. Kelso, Jr., late lieutenant First Arkansas.

#### Ex-Legislator Dead.

Hon. John B. Vineyard, who was a member of the house of representatives from Lee county at the sessions of 1895 and 1897, died at his home in Marianna August 24th of congestion. Mr. Vineyard was 30 years old, a lawyer by profession, and a native of Arkansas.

#### Poisoned Her Husband.

Will Fairchild died at Van Buren last week under mysterious circumstances, and Mattie Fairchild, his wife, Frank Moore, Mollie Bond and Will Bond are under arrest, charged with his murder, the three latter as accessories. Fairchild's stomach was removed and an analysis showed that it contained sufficient arsenic to kill a number of men. It is alleged Moore is Mattie's paramour, and it is supposed they planned to do away with Fairchild. All the parties are colored.

#### Talks for a Good State.

In a letter to Frank Leslie's Weekly, ex-Gov. Fishback, among other things truthful and good about this state, says: "I will undertake to find 10,000 acres in north Arkansas having nearly double as much zinc per acre, and of a quality that sells from two to six dollars per ton more than the Joplin ores, and which can be mined nearly 25 per cent more cheaply."

#### Postmaster in Trouble With His Boss.

C. R. Jones, postmaster at Rotan, Desha county, was arrested charged with using the mails to defraud. It is alleged Jones wrote answers in a guessing contest after the correct answer had been announced, dated the letters back and postmarked them "missent" with the object of securing prizes.

#### Fire at Camden.

An entire block of frame buildings at Camden was destroyed by fire August 30th. The losers are: C. H. Randall, grocer; Charles Feaster, grocer; C. Wallis, grocer; J. B. Smith, saddler; A. Austin, shoemaker; Hickory & Co., bakery; J. E. Newton, photographer; and a Chinese laundryman.

#### Will Be Tried in Jefferson.

W. T. Knight, for the killing of John King at Red Fork, Desha county, July 27, 1897, over a settlement, will be tried in Jefferson county at the next term of court, a change of venue having been granted. In his trial at Dumas last July the jury failed to agree.

### BRIEF MENTION.

Arkansas fruit is to be exhibited at the Paris exposition.

The curfew law is being strictly enforced at Eureka Springs.

Many new lumber mills are being erected throughout the state.

Track layers on the west end of the Choctaw have reached Perry county.

From the artesian well at Monticello flows 6,000 gallons of water per hour.

There will be a Confederate reunion at Bentonville September 28th and 29th.

Walter Simmons, a Faulkner county farmer, was thrown by a mule and killed.

Fire destroyed the Harrisburg State Works August 23d. Loss, \$7,000; no insurance.

Chas. U. McCormick, of Texarkana, a fireman, was killed in a wreck on the Cotton Belt.

An unknown white man committed suicide at Hot Springs by cutting open an artery in his wrist.

M. B. Sylvester and A. A. Abbene and wife were seriously injured in a runaway at Pine Bluff.

Thirty-six convicts will be released from the penitentiary during September, their terms expiring.

The tax assessor of Garland county has doubled the assessment of a number of large property holders.

The George M. Waters, a small stern-wheel steamer, sunk in six feet of water 12 miles below Arkansas City.

While attempting to escape from officers, G. L. Jones, colored, was drowned in Poteau river near Fort Smith.

James Hennessey, a railroad man, was found dead on the river bank at Fort Smith. No evidence of violence.

A destructive wind storm swept over Pine Bluff and vicinity Sunday, doing considerable damage to houses and crops.

E. D. Morse, a white convict, was shot and killed by a guard in Jefferson county while making an effort to escape.

The grading contract for the Little Rock & Hot Springs railroad has been awarded to McCarthy & Reichardt, of Little Rock.

Gov. Jones has accepted an invitation to attend a national reunion of the Blue and Gray, to be held at Evansville, Ind., October 10th to 13th.

Ben Muldrew and John Dooley, both charged with murder, escaped from jail at New Lewisville by burning a hole through the roof of their cell.

At the meeting of the American Bar Association, held in Buffalo, Judge U. M. Rose, of Little Rock, was elected a member of the executive committee.

Asa Scott, a negro gambler, was convicted by a jury in a Little Rock justice court of vagrancy and sentenced to 30 days in jail on bread and water.

### SOUTHERN GLEANINGS.

#### Crop Prospects.

Alabama—Cotton opening freely; rust and shedding decreasing slowly; prospective yield continues fair to good only; late corn promises good yield; minor crops satisfactory.

Arkansas—Cotton beginning to open; late corn not doing well on account of hot, dry weather; 1 lb potatoes not coming to a good stand.

Georgia—Cotton rusting, shedding and opening rapidly; picking now general; late corn, cane, potatoes and turnips suffering from drought; rice being harvested, with fair yields; pastures poor and water low.

Mississippi—Cotton shedding considerably and rust increasing; some damage by boll worms; grass worms becoming more numerous and destructive in many localities; rice and cane improved; corn fair; potatoes, peas and gardens continue favorable.

#### Charge With Poisoning.

Mattie Fairchild, Frank Moore, Mollie Bond and Will Bond, all colored, were arrested, at Van Buren, Ark., charged with poisoning Will Fairchild, Mattie's husband. Fairchild died under suspicious circumstances, and the medical board ordered the stomach removed and an analysis made of it. This showed arsenic in sufficient quantities to kill several men. It is alleged Frank Moore is Mattie Fairchild's paramour, and it is supposed they planned to do away with him. Mattie's father died in February under similar circumstances, and his body is to be exhumed, as it was known he had threatened to have Moore arrested if he did not keep away from his house. Mollie Bond, Mattie's mother, and Jim, her brother are held as accessories.

#### A Woman's Frenzy.

As the result of a quarrel with his divorced wife, Rev. William R. Wilburn, of Flat Hollow, Ky., is lying at death's door with a fractured skull. The minister and his wife were divorced last July and, under an agreement, they were to divide their household goods equally. All things went well in the matter of the division until they came to a handsome and heavy cut-glass bowl, which both wanted. A quarrel ensued, and the woman, going into a frenzy, smashed the bowl over the head of the preacher, severing an artery and fracturing his skull. Wilburn came near bleeding to death before a physician could reach him. He is mortally injured and Mrs. Wilburn is under arrest.

#### Will Be Short 25 Per Cent.

A prominent official of the Houston & Texas Central railway, who receives daily reports, estimates that the cotton crop along his line in Texas will show a decrease of 25 per cent. as compared with last year. This is because of the recent floods, the decreased acreage and the present severe drought. Up to August 22 the Central had hauled 4,000 bales more new cotton than to same date last August. This is explained by the fact that the dry weather is causing the plant to open fast and is also evidence of a short crop to be quickly marketed.

#### For Killing an Imported Miner.

Charles F. Enslin, as administrator of Richard Cobb, colored, deceased, has filed suit in the circuit court, at Birmingham, Ala., against the Robinson Mining Co., for \$15,000 damages. Cobb was imported from Atlanta, Ga., and put to work in the Ishkooda mines, where a strike had been on for two or three months. Cobb was shot and killed while at a watermelon cutting, and it was alleged strikers did the killing, hence the suit.

#### Woman Poisons Her Husband.

Miriam Carter, a prominent farmer, near Union City, Tenn., is dead, having been poisoned by his wife, who placed "Rough on Rats" in his food. The murderess was found hidden in the hay loft of the stable. She objected to her husband bringing his sister to their home on a visit. The quarrel that resulted from this objection is supposed to have prompted her crime.

#### An Epidemic of Smallpox.

As a result of the bad sanitary conditions following the recent disastrous floods in the Brazos valley, Texas, an alarming epidemic of smallpox has broken out. Hundreds of negroes in Bastrop, Brazos, Robertson and other counties are down with the disease, and many deaths are being reported. The state health department has taken charge of the situation.

#### Two Drowned Crossing a Ford.

Miss Rose Jenkins, aged 16, pretty daughter of the late well-known Ohio and Mississippi river pilot, N. B. Jenkins, and Daniel Langford, well-to-do young farmer, a resident of Boston, Nelson county, Ky., were drowned while attempting to cross Beach Ford river, at what is known as Box ford.

#### Followed Her to the Grave.

Miss Bertha Caviness, the daughter of R. L. Caviness, a prominent citizen of Chicago, Tex., died of typhoid fever, and while the family were attending the funeral, her 14-year-old brother expired.

## SANTO DOMINGO REVOLT.

The Revolutionists, According to All Reports, are Steadily Gaining Ground.

### PORTO PLATA WILL BE SURRENDERED.

The Revolutionists Have Crossed the Mountains, and are Within Six Hours, by Horse, of the Capital—The Government is Apparently on Its Last Legs.

New York, Aug. 30.—A dispatch to the Herald from Cape Haytien, Haiti, says:

There was a battle at Dajabou, several days ago, in which, according to the reports received, the government lost 76 men in killed and wounded and the insurgents only five. Gen. Escobozas was among those killed.

By instructions from Gen. Jimenez, Ramon Pacheco has been made commander-in-chief in the northeast pending the arrival of Gen. Toribio Garcia. Promoted to General.

Maximo Cococco, a son of Thomas Cococco, government delegate from Monte Cristi, and a nephew of Minuel Cococco, delegate from Port Plata, has been promoted to general in the regular forces.

Private letters from Porto Plata quoted the governor there as saying that he will surrender the town on the approach of the insurgents. He says that as it is a national uprising he would avoid shedding blood.

### NEARING THE CAPITAL.

The Revolutionists Within Six Hours, by Horse, of the Capital.

New York, Aug. 30.—A dispatch to the Herald from Santo Domingo, Friday, via New West, Fla., says:

The tide of revolution is rapidly nearing the capital. The revolutionists have crossed the mountains and are now only six hours distant by horse.

#### The Government Tottering.

The government is tottering and apparently unable to choke the insurrection. Yesterday it dispatched a commission to confer with the rebel leaders for the purpose of trying to effect a compromise. Meanwhile there is great suspense. The capital may be besieged in a few days if a compromise fails.

#### General Alarm Prevails.

Among the people there is general alarm. The president never leaves home by night or day, except with a double guard. The city is virtually under military law. The soldiers are patrolling the streets. The foreign consulates are crowded with aliens apprehensive of disorder.

#### Commandant Assassinated.

The military commandant of San Cristobal was assassinated on Tuesday. Placards demanding the death of the cabinet ministers are posted nightly in prominent places.

Military preparations are being rushed by the government, and the reserves are under arms, but the insurrection has thus far been remarkably free from bloodshed, although there are vague reports of severe fighting in the interior.

#### Telegraph Lines Cut.

All the telegraph lines to the interior of the island have been cut by the insurgents, and communication by wire has been impossible for several days, but refugees say the revolution is spreading.

Gov. Llonas of the Lavega district has gone over to the revolutionists, taking with him many soldiers. Some of the Dominican gunboats have put into the river, and it is rumored that the president and cabinet, in case of emergency, will flee to Porto Rico.

#### Looking to the United States.

If more serious trouble comes the people here are looking to the United States for protection. In case of rioting the New Orleans and a French cruiser are prepared to land marines to protect the consulate.

### DRIFT OF THE REVOLUTION.

The Real Object of the Uprising Annexation to the United States and Stable Government.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 30.—Nelson B. Clark, of Boston, who has just arrived here from Santo Domingo, confirms recent advices as to the situation of affairs in that republic, but he adds that the revolution is so essentially national and devoid of personal political element that the adherents of Jimenez are advising him not to come to Santo Domingo for the present. What the people are clamoring for is not a mere change in the political personnel, but good government with financial solvency, with which they associate the idea of American annexation or protectorate.

This, Mr. Clark adds, is the sole present object of the revolution, and the industrial and commercial conditions are such that the entire nation indorses the annexation scheme as the only real solution.

### THE CASE OF CAPT. CARTER.

Atty.-Gen. Griggs, When He Makes His Report, May Involve Others in the Affair.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Atty.-Gen. Griggs is expected to return to Washington, Wednesday, but it is possible that he may not reach here until next Monday. He here knows when the attorney general will make his report on the Carter court-martial case to the president, although there are persistent intimations that it will be made soon. There is some ground for the belief that the attorney general's report, when it is forthcoming, will be much broader than has heretofore been intimated. It is said in some quarters that it will not only deal with the case of Capt. Carter, as shown by the record, but will point out the connection of others with the case, and direct special attention to them. This, if it proves true, will account for the long period the attorney general has given to the consideration of the case. The record is exceedingly voluminous, and the labor and time involved in its examination, simply in its bearing on Capt. Carter alone, would be immense. Following out its ramifications as to others, would require much additional labor and time.

### FOUND DEAD ON THE STREET.

Mysterious Death of an Unknown Woman on the Street in Omaha, Monday Night.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 29.—A woman, whose identity is a mystery, was found dead on the pavement on Park avenue by a newspaper carrier. Doctors say that she had been dead for several hours, and that death resulted from a fracture of the skull, evidently caused by a fall on the pavement. All that the people who live in the vicinity know about it is that about 11 o'clock Monday night they heard a woman scream, and saw a buggy passing in which was a man and a woman. The man was lashing the horse into a run and holding the woman, who was standing up, and evidently trying to jump out of the buggy. There is at present no clue as to the identity of the dead woman, or the man who was with her. She is well dressed, and evidently a woman of refinement. The street where she was found is in the heart of the best residence section of the city.

### EAST-BOUND FLYER WRECKED.

Several Persons Injured in a Wreck on the Rock Island Road at Kents, Kas.

Topeka, Kas., Aug. 30.—East-bound Flyer No. 10, on the Rock Island, due here at 7:30 a. m., was wrecked at 5:45 a. m., at Kents, near Manhattan, Kas. The accident was caused by the flyer running into the rear of a freight train which had just pulled onto the siding to allow the flyer to pass.

At headquarters here it is reported no one was killed. The following were injured:

Engineer Cuthbertson, foot and ankle sprained.

Fireman Crawford, shoulder sprained.

E. T. Roach, Mena, Ark.; bad cut on arm.

George Van Cleves, mail clerk; collar bone broken.

Tom Gilbert, Kansas City, Kas.; head and left arm cut.

Ed Hully, injured in chest; doctor thinks not serious.

Mrs. F. E. McElwiel, Peru, Ind.; arm bruised.

Miss Jennie Ranesa, Perrysburg, Ind.; bruised on arm.

### EXPRESS RAN OFF THE TRACK.

Wreck of the Keokuk Express Near Eldon, Ia.—Four of the Train Men Injured.

Eldon, Ia., Aug. 30.—The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific local passenger, No. 202, and known as the "Keokuk express," ran off the track a mile west of here at 11:30 o'clock to-day, demolishing the engine, baggage, mail and smoking cars. The accident was due to a broken wheel on the locomotive. The engineers, fireman, mail clerk, baggage man were injured, but it is believed not fatally. None of the passengers, it is reported, were seriously hurt.

### CLEARING AWAY THE DEBRIS.

The Difficult Task of Clearing Away the Chicago Coliseum Wreck Progressing.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—The difficult task of removing the heavy iron arches and twisted girders that form the debris of the framework of the coliseum which collapsed, on day, and cost nine lives is being continued vigorously. Up to noon none of the injured workmen were removed to the hospital, had died. J. J. Dowd, at first thought to be fatally injured, is now said to have a chance of recovery. The inquest will, it is said, be delayed until the full list of fatalities is known.

### ALARMING TURN OF AFFAIRS.

England Enlarges Her Demands Upon the Transvaal Republic—A Misconception of Duty.

London, Aug. 30.—The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Chronicle telegraphing Tuesday, says:

"Events have taken an alarming turn. Great Britain, at the request of the Uitlanders' council, has enlarged the original demands of Sir Alfred Milner, the British high commissioner, and is adopting the view of Cecil Rhodes that President Kruger will never withstand an ultimatum.

"I have, however, high authority for asserting that President Kruger, the volksraad and the nation will unitedly resist an unconditional demand for giving effect to the Milner programme, but will concede reforms on the conditions already reported.

#### Startling Misconception of Duty.

London, Aug. 30.—The Times, referring this morning editorially to the statement of William P. Schreiner, the Cape premier, that in the event of war he would do his best to keep the Cape Colony aloof from the struggle, says: "This is a startling misconception of duty. When the government of the queen declares war it is the duty of all loyal subjects whatever their position, not to keep aloof, but to do their utmost to bring the struggle to a successful end."

### MORE'S DREAM TO BE REALIZED

The True Utopia to be Found in a Combination of All Trusts and Combines.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 30.—To combine the combinations or "trusts" is the object of an incorporation, the papers for which were taken out in New Jersey a short time ago. This movement is the outcome of the studies for many years of Russell Thompson, a Cleveland newspaper man, working upon the problem of giving profitable employment to the immense productive capacity which, though obviously available, is not used. His study has led him to declare, in what is pronounced to be the foundation of a new school of economics, that a business system in which establishments are disconnected is organically incapable of using more than a small part of all industrial power in reach, but that a comprehensive consolidation could use most of it, with a consequent wealth increase so great and rapid as to change the whole condition of society.

Mr. Thompson formed a corporation some months ago under the names of the Central Co., filing a charter at Trenton through a New Jersey registration and trust company. Several prominent business men in Cleveland have been quietly aiding and encouraging these preliminaries. Those who have financially assisted the promoter have extensive corporate and banking connections. Communications were yesterday addressed to most of the consolidation directorates, announcing the project and explaining it.

### THE FRENCH TREATY COAST.

The Fisheries a Failure and the Coast Likely to be Abandoned in a Few Years.

St. Johns, N. F., Aug. 30.—The governor of Newfoundland, Sir Hugh McCallum, in an interview published yesterday says that during his recent visit to the French treaty coast, he ascertained that the number of French fishermen there this year is less than ever before, that the French lobster fishery is a failure and the French cod fishery much below the average. He believes that the practical abandonment of the region by the French is merely a matter of a few years. Already one of their stations has been closed and several others narrowly escaped the same fate owing to bait "striking in" recently.

### ON A TOUR OF INSPECTION.

Commissioner Peck and Party Visit Omaha and Proceed to Denver—A Mining Exhibit.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 30.—Ferdinand W. Peck, commissioner general to the Paris exposition, for the United States, arrived in this city yesterday morning from Chicago, accompanied by F. J. Skiff, director of exhibits; Paul Blackman, director of affairs; A. C. Baker, lieutenant in the United States navy, assistant director of affairs; A. G. Parker, assistant director of transportation; Walter Peck, W. A. Simms and Clarence Peck, secretaries of the clerical corps. The day was spent in looking over the exposition and the party left at 5 p. m. for Denver. Mr. Peck is on a tour of inspection in connection with the Paris exposition and while in Colorado will look into the matter of a mining exhibit for the French fair.